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Mr. Isman is an old theatrical associate and his book is an intimate, appreciative survey of the lives of these two interesting men told simply yet scintillatingly.

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When Weber and Fields received their copies from the author in the offices of the studio, it was a real treat to watch them fingering the pages of the handsome volume which is prothem and their associates.

"Look," Joe Weber would exclaim, "there's Dave Warfield and Lew and me all together. That was in—let me see—, yes, 'Fiddle Dee Dee'. By George that brings back the old days. Remember-" And the next half hour

"There's a wonderful picture of Lillian Russell, isn't it?" cried Lew "What a wonderful actress Fields. she was."

Now these enthusiastic outbursts were too much for the other members of the company and each in turn decided that he or she must have a copy. And he and she decided, also, that that personal copy must be personally autographed by the comedi-For the next two days "the boys" were kept busy between scenes afixing their signatures to the fly leaves of Felix Isman's entertaining volume.

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LUCILLE LEE STEWART: Miss Stewart is the sister of Anita Stewart, one of the cinema's foremost actresses. Born in Brooklyn, N. Y., Lucille began her theatrical career in vaudeville and after a few successful years of this work she entered the pictures. Weber and Fields selected her to play the leading feminine role in their first motion picture "Friendly Framis

because they found in her a remarkable resemblance to Lillian Russell, with whom the team had been associated in the heydey of their careers, for she is endowed with not only the facial pulchritude, but also the live vivacious manner of the "airy fairy Lillian." Other photoplays in which Miss Stuart has had important roles are "The Fool;" "The Perfect Lover," with Eugene O'Brien; "The Ultimate Good," and "Bad Company," with Conway Tearle. Miss Stewart has golden blonde hair and blue eyes.

STUART HOLMES: One of the screen's most "popular" villains. He was born in Silicia, Germany, and educated at the Chicago Art Institute. He made his first big stage hit in "Mary Jane's Pa" with Henry E. Dix-He is an accomplished musician and furnishes his own "atmosphere" music. Hunting and sculpture are his hobbies. His multitudinous screen success include: "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," "Prisoner of Zenda," "Under Two Flags," "Rich Men's Daughters" and "The Siren of Se-He has red hair and green ville." eyes.

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her education at the Convent of Notre Dame, Ottawa, Canada. Her stage career began in her early childhood and after attaining success in that branch of theatricalism, she turned to motion pictures. She has a particularly maternal appeal and specializes in mother roles. Some of her most prominent screen appearances were in "Molly-O" with Mabel Normand; "Penrod," "June Madness" and "The Stranger's Bauquet."

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Bag of Peanuts

Once Weber-Fields Flag of Truce

At one time Weber and Fields, during the successful Music Hall days, had a little personal difference and refused to speak to each other off the stage. Rumors of the breach got abroad and trouble within the company threatened the organization. To reassure the members of the company and to forestall any disruption in the ranks, they bought bickering and wrangling about the a big bag of peanuts, sat on a bootblack stand in the heart of the Rialto and ate from the same bag for three hours. The rumors were immediately dissipated and shortly after the partners effected a re-

Despite this break this comedy team still cling together and now after years and years of legitimate and variety work the two have undertaken some work in pictures. They have just completed "Friendly Enemies," an Edward Belasco production, directed by George Melford and adapted to the screen from the famous Broadway success of the same name by Alfred A. Cohn and Josephine Quirk. The picture will have its premiere showing at the Theatre where it will play for.



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why these two veteran comedians who have known every bypath of theatrical endeavor as well as the most exclusive and exacting mediums, were chosen by Edward Belasco Productions, Inc., to be featured in the screen version of "Friendly Enemies."

The New York Times, for instance, in speaking of the play said: "The earlier scenes overflow with their It came like a breeze of war. out of the well remembered days of Weber and Fields."

The Chicago Post had this to say:

"In some of its aspects the play, seeking to disguise its serious content with the jocosity that American audiences demand in their entertainment, suggests a Weber and Fields comic duel with war arguments as material."

"Friendly Enemies" is now playing

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And while the Bowery scoffed, Weber and Fields acted, directed, collected tickets, sold reservations, distributed programs, settled petty differences among players, surmounted the million and one stumbling blocks that lay in the stony path of theatrical producers. With minds as nimble as their feet they managed to somehow meet the weekly payroll, though twice it meant pawning the cheap diamond rings which they had purchased with part of the \$1,800 and which had been the means of inspiring much confi-dence in the minds of friends and acquaintances who looked with doubt

OWN COMPANY BRILLIANT SUCCESS

But it was on this trip that Joe and Lew succeeded in establishing their prestige. Playing one successful city after another, with what hardships the small boys go through their paces in sion. he lobby o the theatre many nany years before, who now offered Weber summer show. Thus did they bridge the first summer. The next season,

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Weber and Fields were asked if they had any preference as to a leading lady. They were introduced to Lucille Lee Stewart, sister of the popular Anita, who had been suggested as a possibility. As soon as they saw Edward Belasco production directed her they decided in unison that she many others of importance.

was almost the living image of their beloved Lillian and immediately determined upon her as a choice. A. H. Sabastian of Belasco Productions concurred with their opinion that she would be just suited to the part of the pretty, young secret service agent and Miss Stewart was engaged then to play this leading role.

Besides the two half century popular comedians and Miss Stewart the cast includes Virginia Brown Faire,

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It was in the self-same Music Hall that Broadway's "boys" produced the first revue introduced onto Broadway. Taking current plays they burlesqued them in line and song featuring such artists as Lillian Russell, DeWolf Hopper, Willie Collier, Fay Temple-"Pete" Dailey, Charlie Ross, Mapel Fenton, Frankie Bailey, Dave Warfield, Sam Bernard, Louis Mann, John T. Kelly, Bessie Clayton, Louise Allen, Carter de Haven, the McCoy Sisters and numerous others, in the cast. Never before or since has a company of such prominent players been assemble one stage as representa

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Mr. Isman is an old theatrical associate and his book is an intimate, appreciative survey of the lives of these two interesting men told simply yet scintillatingly.

When Weber and Fields received their copies from the author in the offices of the studio, it was a real treat to watch them fingering the pages of the handsome volume which is profusely illustrated with photographs of them and their associates.

"Look," Joe Weber would exclaim, there's Dave Warfield and Lew and me all together. That was in-let me see-, yes, 'Fiddle Dee Dee'. By George that brings back the old days. Remember-" And the next half hour was spent in sweet remininscences.

"There's a wonderful picture of Lil-lian Russell, isn't it?" cried Lew Fields. "What a wonderful actress she was."

Now these enthusiastic outbursts were too much for the other members of the company and each in turn decided that he or she must have a copy. And he and she decided, also, that that personal copy must be personally autographed by the comedians. For the next two days "the boys" were kept busy between scenes afixing their signatures to the fly leaves of Felix Isman's entertaining

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New Screen Version More Forceful Than Original

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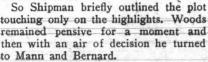
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Tears Streaked Faces of Actors and Audiences at Farewell of Now United Team

The story of how Weber and Fields, after successfully running their Music Hall as the most popular theatre in New York for many years, dissolved partnership, recalls what is still probably the most remarkable farewell performance in the entire history of the stage.
The two comedians had, through sheer

force of untiring effort, raised them-selves from the ranks of dime museum entertainers to the most popular team

on the variety stage.

May 29, 1904, marked the final performance of "Whoop-dee-Dee" at the New Amsterdam Theatre in New York and the dissolving of the partnership of the famous team. As the Herald reviewer wrote on that occasion:

"A Broadway audience is not particularly sentimental but the tears that streaked the painted and powdered faces of the stage, were multiplied many times in the audience as "Auld Lang Syne" became the final musical number.

But Weber and Fields were destined to come together again and their recent vaudeville tour, interrupted by a break of three months during which time therun starting atre for a was a veritable riot

throughout the country.

Weber and Fields are an institution in the American theatre. Their comic antics, their slapstick comedy, is as gen-uinely American as "ham and." From coast to coast the public sings their praise and waits with impatience for their numerous appearances in the Keith circuit of theatres.

Not often have they put aside their comedy lines to assume dramatic roles but those few occasions have always

been successful.

They are now appearing in a screen version of one of the most popular Broadway successes produced during the war, "Friendly Enemies," and as the two German-Americans who are continually squabbling, they are superb. "Friendly Enemies" jealously guards the distinction of being commended as a splendid play by Woodrow Wilson, who was so moved by the production that he rose in the audience and publicly acclaimed it.

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FAMOUS COMEDY TEAM IN PICTURES



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Facts You Should Know

THE PLAY

"Friendly Enemies" was a successful stage play in which Louis Mann and Sam Bernard were featured. It was written by Samuel Shipman and Aaron Hoffman the latter known the country over as author of such successful plays as "Welcome Stranger."

THE DIRECTOR

George Melford, a man whose efforts have carried him far. Sixty-seven pictures for Paramount is his record, a record hard to appr company advanced him to the position of a producer, and A. H. Sebastian of Edward Belasco Productions, Inc., has conferred upon Mr. Melford the same signal distinction in designating "Friendly Enemies," a George Melford Production."

FEATURED PLAYERS

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Principals in the cast of "Friendly Enemies" are all players of note, artists whose names have long been recognized as representative of the best in the profession.

Virginia Brown Faire plays the part of the daughter with sweetness and

charm.

Lucille Lee Stewart as a self-appointed secret service agent gives a vividly colorful portrayal that gives and sustained emotion to the gather round the lobby front to clamour

Jack Mulhall makes a delightful juvenile who dons the U. S. uniform and prepares for overseas duty, leaving behind him broken-hearted parents and a proud but pining sweetheart.

Stuart Holmes, as always, is a villain of no mean accomplishments. The film world will again pay him the compliment of hating him when they see him this time as a scheming spy.

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both capable and convicing.

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Hall company.

THE SCENARIO Alfred A. Cohn and Josephine Quirk well known scenario experts are responsible for the adaptation of "Friendly Enemies." That they did a good piece of work, retaining all the humor and pathos of the original play and adding scenes and situations that would add a century. They stand among the to the play's effectiveness on the screen, originators of slapstick comedy and is evidenced by the superior quality of the production. Working in close cooperation with George Melford, they have made this a moving, powerful, dramatic and, at the same time, highly humorous picture.

APPEAL Behind a great dramatic engine is banked a carload of sentiment, emotion, romance, devotion and a big stirring message that speaks a word to every man, woman and child in the country. It is not only a picture for adults but one to which children might be taken with the assurance that there can be nothing to offend and much to benefit these malleable minds. Here is a picture that will draw crowds for miles around and will delight the millions that

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For they stand for something in the theatrical and picture world that is decidedly worthwhile and they trail behind them with their fifty years of the-atrical experience of one kind or an-other, only friendly thoughts and kindly relations with all who have had anything to do with them in all that time.

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"This is awful," he said. "Just listen." And he read a wire supposed to have been sent by the Producers Distributing Corp., stating that after seeing stills from "Friendly Enemies," they had decided that Joe Weber should wear the "pad" which makes him so stout on the stage. It would, therefore, be necessary to retake all the scenes which had been done. Joe became very excited.

"I won't do it, I'll quit."

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George winked to Lew Fields as he handed the wire to the other half of the famous team. Lew read it seriously, but when he glanced up and saw Joe's face he had to grin. Joe tumbled to the joke and peace was restored.

In their first days in the show game Weber and Fields performed three times on the same bill; collected tickets from seven to eight each night; shifted scenery; ran errands; answered to the name "boy" both individually and col-lectively. In their spare time they rehearsed for their new acts.

Their friends still call them "the boys," though not for the reason cited here. They are, in fact, boys at heart and have never lost that youthful buoybranch of the

"A Broadway audience is not particularly sentimental but the tears that streaked the painted and powdered faces of the stage, were multiplied many times in the audience as "Auld Lang Syne" became the final musical number.

But Weber and Fields were destined to come together again and their recent vaudeville tour, interrupted by a break of three months during which time the team assumed the leading roles in George Melford's "Friendly Enemies" which comes to the... .run starting atre for a..

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throughout the country.

Weber and Fields are an institution in the American theatre. Their comic antics, their slapstick comedy, is as genuinely American as "ham and." From coast to coast the public sings their praise and waits with impatience for their numerous appearances in the Keith circuit of theatres.

Not often have they put aside their comedy lines to assume dramatic roles but those few occasions have always been successful.

They are now appearing in a screen version of one of the most popular Broadway successes produced during the war, "Friendly Enemies," and as the two German-Americans who are continually squabbling, they are superb. "Friendly Enemies" jealously guards the and have never lost that youthful buoyance the vicissitues of life to a distinguished success as the leaders in their particular he rose in the audience and publicly acclaimed it.

A. H. SEBASTIAN

Presents A George Melford Production

"FRIENDLY ENEMIES"

WEBER & FIELDS

and an all-star cast Directed by GEORGE MELFORD Adapted by ALFRED A COHN and JOSEPHINE QUIRK the Play by SAMUEL SHIPMAN and AARON HOFFMAN Photographed by CHARLES G. CLARKE, A. S. C. RUDOLPH BYLEK, Assistant Director roduced by EDWARD BELASCO PRODUCTIONS, Inc. eased by PRODUCERS DISTRIBUTING CORPORATION

THE CAST

Carl Pfeiffer	Lew Fields
Henry Block	Joe Weber
June Block	Virginia Brown Faire
William Pfeiffer	Jack Mulhall
Hilda Schwartz	Lucille Lee Stewart
Miller (alias Walter Stuart)	
Mrs. Marie Pfeiffer	Eugenie Besserer
Nora	Nora Hayden
Frederick Schnitzler	
Adolph	Fred A. Kelsey
Messe ger Boy	Johnnie Fox
S. S. Officer U. S.	Ed Porter

THE STORY

1 Pfeiffer, a wholesale shoe dealer, and Henry Block, a New York banker, continue in the new world a beautiful friendship which began in the old i country and which is not weakened by the continuous bantering and pointy squabble. This which the two indulge to the despair of their devoted |

Ma ly people gather at Schnitzler's Cafe on Fourteenth Street merely pleasure of listening to their heated discussions and ludicrous argu-knowing that the two old fellows have a fine regard for each other all the while and that the inevitable consummation is an agreement only stirred into another difference of opinion within the next few mome

America's sudden announcement of her decision to enter the World the bosom friends find food for much lively discussion and furious ent. They do not realize that it can affect them seriously until er's son William enlists immediately after marrying Block's daughter and prepares to leave for France on an early transport—the Titan.

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Then she, Block and Pfeiffer concoct a scheme whereby they trap Miller and bring about his arrest.

And when the excitement is all over, Pfeiffer and Block sit down once more to their cards—as jolly as though nothing unusual had occurred—and before long they are bantering and joshing in their inimitable old manner, thus proving conclusively that their hearts and minds are once



For almost fifty years Weber and Fields, two miserably poor East Side boys who painfully climbed the ladder of success till today they stand highest in the profession, have been prominent figures in every corner of the amusement world. Having conquered the traveling circus, the better class music halls, and the legitimate stage, they are now bent on conquest of the motion picture world. They are making their bow in "Friendly Enemies" at the Rialto Theatre.

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Facts You Should Know

"Friendly Enemies" was a successful stage play in which Louis Mann and Sam Bernard were featured. It was written by Samuel Shipman and Aaron Hoffman the latter known the country over as author of such successful plays as "Welcome Stranger."

THE DIRECTOR George Melford, a man whose efforts have carried him far. Sixty-seven pictures for Paramount is his record, a vesord hard to approach. This same company advanced him to the position of a producer, and A. H. Sebastian of Edward Belasco Productions, Inc., has conferred upon Mr. Melford the same signal distinction in designating "Friendly Enemies," a George Melford Production."

FEATURED PLAYERS

Weber and Fields are theatrical figures whose names have been household words the country over for half a century. They stand among the originators of slapstick comedy and shall always symbolize clean, American burlesque as first interpreted by them in their own Music Hall. They bring to the screen all their unique ability backed by a world-wide popu-

THE CAST

Principals in the cast of "Friendly Enemies" are all players of note, artists whose names have long been recognized as representative of the best in the profession.

Virginia Brown Faire plays the part of the daughter with sweetness and charm.

Lucille Lee Stewart as a self-ap-

pointed secret service agent gives a vividly colorful portrayal that gives virility and sustained emotion to the

Jack Mulhall makes a delightful juvenile who dons the U.S. uniform and prepares for overseas duty, leaving behind him broken-hearted parents and a proud but pining sweetheart.

Stuart Holmes, as always, is a villain of no mean accomplishments. The film world will again pay him the compliment of hating him when they see

him this time as a scheming spy.

Eugenie Besserer as the Mother is both capable and convicing.

people of distinction as Jules Hant, Fred A Kelsey, and Frankie Bailey of the original Weber and Fields Music

Hall company.
THE SCENARIO Alfred A. Cohn and Josephine Quirk well known scenario experts are responsible for the adaptation of "Friendly Enemies." That they did a good piece of work, retaining all the humor and pathos of the original play and adding scenes and situations that would add to the play's effectiveness on the screen, is evidenced by the superior quality of the production. Working in close cooperation with George Melford, they have made this a moving, powerful, dramatic and, at the same time, highly humorous picture.

APPEAL

Behind a great dramatic engine is banked a carload of sentiment, emotion, romance, devotion and a big stirring message that speaks a word to every man, woman and child in the country. It is not only a picture for adults but one to which children might be taken with the assurance that there can be nothing to offend and much to benefit these malleable minds. Here is a picture that will draw crowds for miles around and will delight the millions that gather round the lobby front to clamour for admission.



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REVIEWS

REVIEW NO. 1 Weber and Fields Score on Screen

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It is a picture in which the spirit of Americanism is strong throughout, a play that tugs at the heartstrings even as it calls forth bursts of merriment provoked by the restrained comedy of Weber and Fields, the comedy team that has been rocking the world with its antics for half a century.

The work of these two is beyond criticism. Essentially comedians, no one can deny that in this picture they demonstrate ably their unique talent for highly dramatic roles. As the two old Germans who are caught in the vortex of the World War and fight the battles over here, they are immense. The love theme involving the daughter of one and the son of the other friend, the devotion of the mother to her husband, the intense affection of the father for his son-these are elements that are universal in their appeal and leave no eye

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overflows. The climax is a great dramatic triumph which concludes with the father's realization, at last, that he has been mistaken in his opinions, and the son's narrow escape from death. The final curtain sees the dawn of peace and love in the hearts of all.

Lew Fields does the greatest acting of his colorful career in this picture. While the bulk of the picture is comedy, there are moments of the most poignant pathos and in these Fields excels, ably assisted by Eugenie Besserer, clever

emotional actress.

Joe Weber plays a somewhat lighter role carrying many of the laughs and, as always, seems ever to radiate cheer-Jack Mulhall and Virginia Brown Faire are valuable contributions to the cast as the young hero and hero-ine, while Lucille Lee Stewart as the daring secret service agent gives a highly imaginative and intense performance. Stuart Holmes makes a wholly, satisfactory villain.

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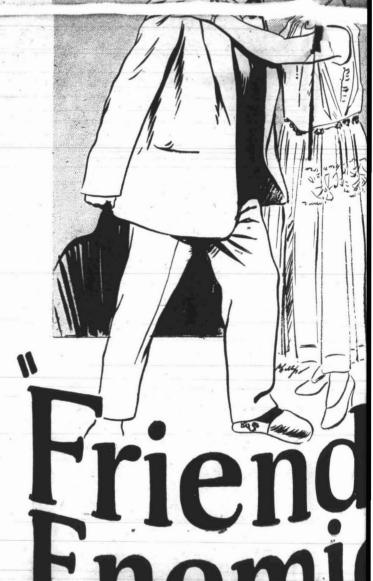
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HOLLYWOOD BARROOM WILL REMAIN OPEN

Authorities Will Not Close Old Barroom Built Recently In Screen City

Weber and Fields and everyone connected with the making of "Friendly Enemies" have always been law abiding citiznes. Therefore nothing but near-beer flowed from the taps as the old time bar-keep filled the w almost forgotten steins and sei-

Charles Cadwaller, art director for Edward Belasco Productions, among other sets had built a-representation of an old German cafe in New York. It is in this scene that Block and Pfeiffer are first seen arguing about the war. Therein, also, much of the plotting and intrigue is conceived.

A real back bar was dug up from some graveyard where rest such discarded articles, and brightly refurnished. A massive mahogany barproper was also in evidence, while the walls proudly boasted bock beer signs, colored signs, and "girlie" pictures.

On the bar were lined all sorts of

bottles and glasses as well as a very appetizing free lunch-salty, to give the eater the desired and proper thirst. It made one hungry and thirsty to merely look at it.

After the set had been completed and the props installed in their proper places, Weber and Fields strolled about to take a good look at it.

"That bar makes me feel thirsty," declared Weber.

The art director swelled at the com-

"So many men," sighed Fields,
"miss their morning exercise nowa-"What's that," asked the other.

"Lifting your foot to the brass rail," smiling replied the comedy star.

During the filming of "Friendly Enemies" which is coming to the...... Theatre for a start-, there was almost ing a steady line at the studio gates begging the doorman for permission to go in and see the thirst provoking set just for old times sake. The news of its existence had some how gotten around the town and everybody, the

men especially, wanted one last long lingering look.

Another scene of keen interest is New York's Fourteenth Street, as it looked years ago. This street was once New York's most important thoroughfare and though it is now a series of cheap stores, shooting galleries, dime museums, ten cent movie houses, and hawkers' stands, it is still as colorful a spot as one could hope to see anywhere.

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The story is a powerful one. Prior to the war Pfeiffer is strong for his Fatherland, while Block is ready to renounce all allegiance to the country of his birth. Both are staunch Americans, but when this country enters the war, Pfeiffer believes a mistake has been made and he and his friend have bitter arguments on the subject.

When his son, without his knowledge, joins the colors, his cup of bitterness

"Friendly Enemies" Leaves Standard

seemed to be a never ending line before the box office at every hour Ul the day, "Friendly Enemies" is now compelled to leave the Standard to make room for the next scheduled attraction.

None of their old fun provoking capacities the least bit lessened or slackened by the passage of many years, Weber and Fields, grand old men of the theatre, have been delighting their screen audiences as they have been pleasing theatregoers for the past fifty years.

Added to the millions of admirer and worshippers which these two charming gentlemen count among a friendly public they have now doubled that number in the ranks of new followers who became acquainted with them for the first time when they made their appearance on the screen of the ... Theatre.

Their picture, a George Melford production in which Lucille Lee Stewart, Virginia Brown Faire, Jack Mulhall, and several others appear, not only gives the comedians more than sufficient opportunity for sparkling comedy, but provides them with two highly dramatic roles of which they prove themselves capable masters.

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To the world at large the mention "Weberfields" means years and years of delightful, vigorous, enthusiastic comedy—a national institu-To the stage the name means even more. They were, in truth, the originators of the pie-throwing gag.

Charlie Chaplin may start suit in the high courts of law claiming some imitator has "stolen his thunder" but in stating his case Charlie must be careful not to claim authorship for the pie-throwing trick for which he has

become famous.

Weber and Fields started throwing pies long before Charlie knew there was such a thing as a stage, much less a screen. The stunt's birth is a simple a screen. The stunt's birth is a simple story, quickly told. When the drama "The Conquerers" was running in New York; weber and Fields presented at their Music Hall an uproarious travesty called "The ConCurers." In the original the "heavy" had

commanded the heroine to drink a glass of wine. Instead she dashed it in his face. In the Weberfields version, Charley Ross, the villain of the piece, ordered his wife, Mabel Fenton, the girl, to eat a custard pie of her own making, a fat, juicy, extra thick custard. She threw it in his face. Charley Chaplin was then but a cockney lad of nine.

It was Weber, too, who first wore a steel wig and that his anatomy might withstand the terrific blows dealt him by the deadly cane of Lew Fields, and it was Fields who first sank a hatchet in a layer of cork between the hair and steel wigtricks that have since become commonplaces on the stage.

Weber and Fields are bringing their comedy to the screen for the first time in "Friendly Enemies," a pic-turization of the famous Broadway success of the same name. The picture, now playing at the

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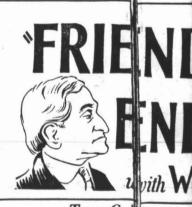
Salamagundi. The beautiful brunette you saw opposite Harry Carey in "The Lightning Rider" is Virginia Brown Faire. She's been in pictures several seasons now having gained her entrance via the beauty contest route. Yes, she played Essie in "Welcome Stranger." By the by, Edward Belasco has made a new picture in which Miss Faire plays a prominent ole, and this will undoubtedly be her most important work since she is being featured with the two biggest drawing cards the theatrical world has ever known-Weber and Fields. "Friendly Enemies" is their first pic-Fields. ture and should be at your local theatre shortly.

Prudence: Well, if you adore wavy hair in a man we don't wonder Jack Mulhall is your favorite. You're both right. He played opposite both the Talmadge girls. He certainly has been on the stage-that's where he received his preliminary training. Well, he's partly Irish, Prudence, and partly Scotch. He has an interesting role in Weber and Fields' first picture, "Friendly Enemies." If you never saw these two on the stage by no

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The piece, playing at the time in New York with Louis Mann and Sam Bernard in the leading roles, had several road companies out. Weber and Fields were not appearing together just at that time and so Fields accepted a part with the Boston com-

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Role on Stage FRANKIE BAILEY IN WEBER-FIELDS PICTURE

> Former Stage Beauty Plays Small Roll in "Friendly Enemies" With One Time Employees

> The same Frankie Bailey, but many years older, who first won her way into the hearts of the York public, when York public, when

Music rian, and then won worldwide renown for beauty and talent, has joined the crowd out Hollywood way. That is, Frankie Bailey, the woman whose exquisite legs were the talk of the countryside, is appearing in pictures. More specifically, she is appearing at .Theatre where "Friendly Enemies" will remain for....

When Frankie heard that Weber and Fields had been induced to enter the motion picture sphere and were about to start work on "Friendly Enemies," which was to be produced as a Belasco Production under the directorship of George Melford, she hastened to the studio. The meeting was quite affecting. In fact, the still very pretty lady wept perceptibly as she recalled the glorious days of the past.

She wanted to appear in the film with her old employers and she begged for a part, no matter how small. The only thing they could offer her was a minor part as a mother, but Frankie grabbed at the idea.

Incidentally, Miss Bailey has a kitchen apron which boasts the signatures, traced and embroidered, of more than a thousand famous lights of the stage and screen. The two comedy favorites and their old star spent an interesting hour going over the names of these celebrities, many of whom have passed from life's stage.

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plotting and intrigue is conceived. A real back bar was dug up from some graveyard where rest such discarded articles, and brightly refurnished. A massive mahogany bar-proper was also in evidence, while the

walls proudly boasted bock beer signs, colored signs, and "girlie" pictures.

On the bar were lined all sorts of bottles and glasses as well as a very appetizing free lunch-salty, to give the eater the desired and proper thirst. It made one hungry and

After the set had been completed and the props installed in their proper places, Weber and Fields strolled about to take a good look at it. "That bar makes me feel thirsty,"

The art director swelled at the com-

"So many men," sighed Fields, "miss their morning exercise nowa-

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days."
"What's that," asked the other. "Lifting your foot to the brass rail," smiling replied the comedy star. During the filming of "Friendly Enemies" which is coming to the

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ging the doorman for permission to go in and see the thirst provoking set just for old times sake The found the town and everybody, the men especially, wanted one last long

Another scene of keen interest is

New York's Fourteenth Street, as it looked years ago. This street was once New York's most important

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Stewart, Jack Mulhall and Eugenie Besserer Head Long List Of Artists Featured In "Friendly Enemies"

Chosen For Particular Ability

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In these times of professional jealousy on the stage and on the screen when some star is always threatening to quit because he or she does not approve of some other member in the company, one is brought to wonder how it was that Weber and Fields, actors and producers for almost fifty years, managed to maintain permanently the greatest company of artists ever assembled as representatives of a single production.

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Lew Fields Does **Human Fly Stunt** Weber and Fields, two celebrities

whose names have been on the tongues of this country for upwards of half a century, still continue to hold first place in the conversation of stage folk and the general public. Because their humor has always savored of a certain spontaneity, the world has never tired of them and now that their first product of the cinema art is coming to the _ Theatre for a ____ ment starting _____, under the title "Friendly Enemies," a recent

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Camera Can Scare

Even Veterans

Oddly enough, though the stage and all its ramifications, are, let us say, even more familiar to Weber and Fields than their own homes, a motion picture studio has not yet lost its novelty for the two world famous comedians who are now making their screen "Friendly Enemies" debut in which comes to the... ...Theatre for

run starting The day George Melford and his company of artists and technicians arrived at the Hollywood studios, Weber and Fields were on hand early to examine everything with eager interest.

"That's a big stage, Joe," remarked ew Fields (that's the tall fellow), "we could have put on a big show in the old days on a stage like that, eh?"
"Sure," observed Joe Weber, "but we

wouldn't have looked half so big if we had to work on it."

Both were anxious to don the grease paint, which is different from that used on the legitimate stage, and to see how they would register on the camera.

"It's easier," declared Weber," to look through a peep hole in a curtain than to look into that lens!"

"But you must never look into the lens," said Fields.

"I'll look where I please," replied Joe good-naturedly and the two resumed their interested survey.

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A Masterpiece Weber and Fields



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for eight years the Music Ham had flourished under their joint owner-ship. For upwards of thirty years these two children of poverty had worked together to achieve the same end—a successful theatrical career. Now they parted, each to go his own

With Weber, Fields was a nimble footed comedian of the first order; with Fields, Weber was a squat little Dutchman who could call out a hearty laugh from a weeping willow. Alone, each was like a three-legged dog. They limped along well enough but there names were no longer on the tongues of everybody.

Then the inevitable happened. Weber and Fields were reunited. It was a brilliant assemblage that turned out to welcome these two great comedians back to the stage. However, it was not as producers that they made their bow again, but as players, and it is as players that they now make their bow to the motion picture world in "Friendly Enemies," a George Melford production adapted to the screen from the great Broadway success of the same name.

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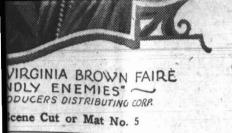
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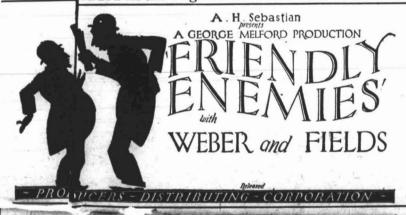
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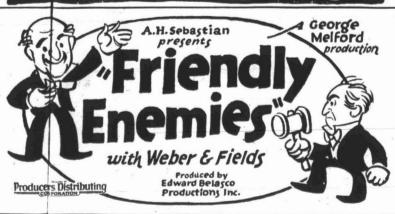
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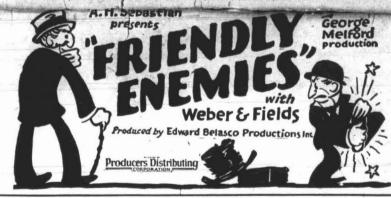
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PUT WEBER AND FIELDS IN THE LOBBY



This cut pictures the front of a theatre lobby before which stand two men supposed to be Weber and Fields with a parrot, a character in the play, between them. As the men engage in their continual bickerings and banterings, the parrot interrupts with opinions of his

You can keep a presentable crowd in front of your theatre at all times by placing two men and a parrot at the front of it and having them argue in German dialect. If you cannot get a parrot that talks, you can get along without it but see that you get men who can originate spontaneously so that they can make up new lines as they go along, lines that fit the crowd. This will keep them laughing and make them anxious to see the picture.

Weber and Fields Sold Gingersnaps

It is indeed an amusing story that the old Broadwayites tell of Weber and Fields and Paul Salvin, former owner of the Palais Royale and other of New York's famous night clubs.

Paul was a youngster of the East Side who had already been seen on the stages of the Bowery when Weber and Fields first turned their interests to theatrical careers. As the owner of the only pair of clogs in the neighborhood, Paul commanded great respect, and he boasted a likely band of followers.

Among these was one who, at a time when even a dime was an awe-inspiring sum, always seemed to have plenty of cash. He made the money, he said, selling ginger snaps at the ferry station at One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street. The two boys followed him one day and learned where he purchased his wares and how much he paid for them.

With the aid of their parents they raised the necessary capitol and the next Sunday arose at sunrise to walk from the Bowery to Harlem, some ten miles. Their first day was a huge success. On a stock worth thirty-five cents they cleared a dollar twenty.

Then came the day that taxed even

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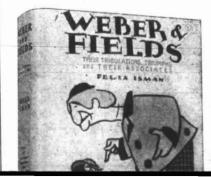
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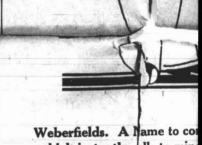
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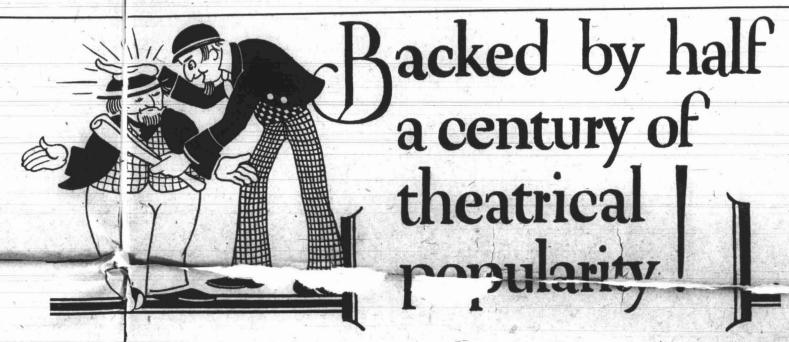
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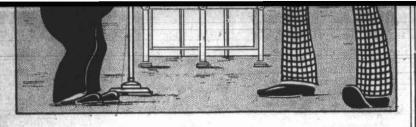
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This cut pictures the front of a theatre lobby before which stand two men supposed to be Weber and Fields with a parrot, a character in the play, between them. As the men engage in their continual bickerings and banterings, the parrot interrupts with opinions of his

You can keep a presentable crowd in front of your theatre at all times by placing two men and a parrot at the front of it and having them argue in German dialect. If you cannot get a parrot that talks, you can get along without it but see that you get men who can originate spontaneously so that they can make up new lines as they go along, lines that fit the crowd. This will keep them laughing and make them anxious to see the picture.

Weber and Fields Sold Gingersnaps

It is indeed an amusing story that the old Broadwayites tell of Weber and Fields and Paul Salvin, former owner of the Palais Royale and other of New York's famous night clubs.

Paul was a youngster of the East Side who had already been seen on the stages of the Bowery when Weber and Fields first turned their interests to theatrical careers. As the owner of the only pair of clogs in the neighborhood, Paul commanded great respect, and he boasted a likely band of followers.

Among these was one who, at a time when even a dime was an awe-inspiring sum, always seemed to have plenty of cash. He made the money, he said, selling ginger snaps at the ferry station at One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street. The two boys followed him one day and learned where he purchased his wares

and how much he paid for them.

With the aid of their parents they raised the necessary capitol and the next Sunday arose at sunrise to walk from the Bowery to Harlem, some ten miles. Their first day was a huge success. On a stock worth thirty-five cents they

cleared a dollar twenty. Then came the day that taxed even the endurance of these stalwart young souls. The day was bright and the walk to the ferry landing had been accomplished in record time. But hardly had the two little urchins begun their sales then a great rainstorm broke turning the crisp little gingersnaps into a soft, mushy ball.

Discouraged, and fearful of the reproaches they would get when they arrived at home, the two youngsters started home with heavy hearts. Then it occurred to them that they had once heard wild tales of how fellows had found coins in the car tracks. They they turned to the horse-car tracks that

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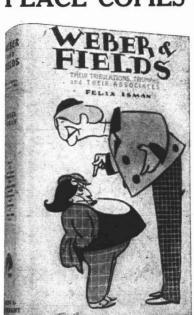
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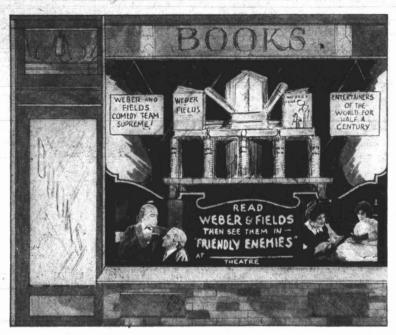
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Felix Isman's book colorfully picturing the lives of these actors who have been known to the public for half a century, has already had a tremendous circulation. You can help the sale of the book, which in turn will help you tremendously by re-awakening an active interest in Weber and Fields, through window displays of one kind or another.

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"Indeed I did," he replied. "I was as much concerned as any of them since I had \$1400 in royalties deposited there."

"And were you convinced it is safe?" was turned to that side of the asked another. Aren't you at all afraid that if the bank is broken into again you will lose your money?" was turned to that side of the and with deliberation the Green president arose in his seat. several minutes of generalizate

"Not a bit," was the hasty rejoinder, "there isn't a chance. Besides I drew out \$1,395 of my money and sent it to a New York bank the day after the attempted robbery."

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Der ripest fruit falls first but sometimes its der greenest what hits der ground hardest.

A soft answer turns away wrath but don't let der odder feller hit you on der headt with p hardt

Lightning never striked twice in der same place but men is different.

A rolling stone gadders no moss, but who der deuce wants to be a mossback anyhow?

(Advance Notice)

Weber and Fields Are Both Off The Circus For Life

It is interesting to note that neither Weber nor Fields ever goes to see a circus. The reason is not hard to find. In their very young days they worked in a circus and hard times were not unfamiliar, especially the one occasion when a big fight between the circus people and the town people drove them to flee in the belief that their very lives were imperilled. That was their last venture with the big white top and the mere mention of the word circus recalls the menacing cries of "Hey, Rube," that rang in their ears as they fled.

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Dear Sir: (or Madam)

a delightful evening's entertainment.

It is an adaptation of the Shipman-Hoffman Broadway stage success, and in it the inimitable German buddies play two devoted old bosom friends who indulge in incessant squabbles and petty arguments to the amusement and entertainment of their families and acquaintances. "Friendly Enemies" is rich in wholesome comedy, suited to the entire family, and at the same time it contains some of the most gripping dramatic situations ever screened.

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A big, tense, stirring comedy-drama with Virginia Brown Faire, Lucille Lee Stewart, Jack Mulhall, and Eugenie Besserer in the supporting cast. A George Melford Production, presented by A. H. Sebastian. Story by Aaron Hoffman and Samuel Shipman.

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Theatre for weeks starting Full advantage has been taken of the great lattitude which the screen affords and the result is a succession of beautiful and stirring effects heightened by the capable acting of Weber and Fields assisted by such players of merit as Virginia Brown Faire, Lucille Lee Stewart Jack Mulhall, Stuart Holmes, Eugenie Besserer and others.

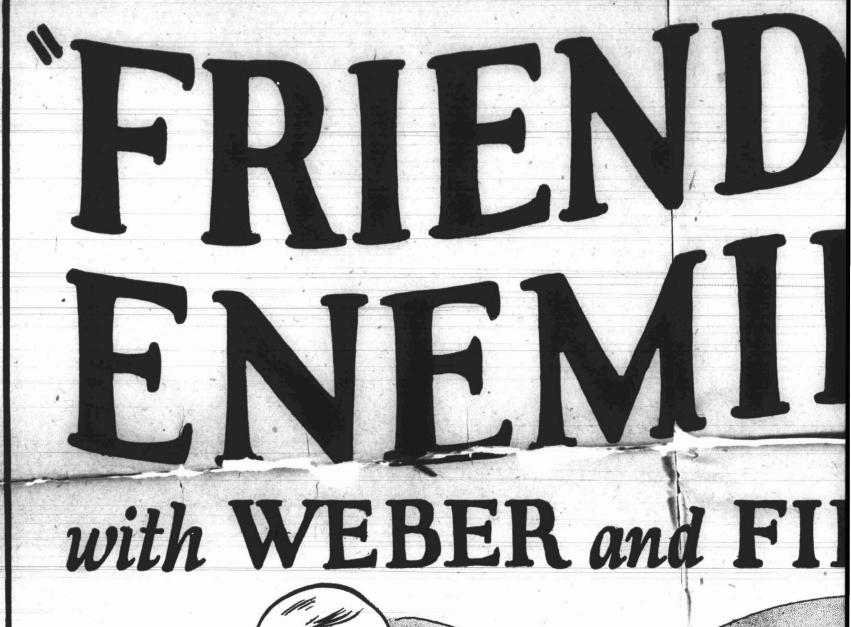
Got Six Suits Free' But Not One Suited

During a recent vaudeville tour Weber and Fields had played six different cities and had naturally stayed at six different hotels. In one of these Weber left a good suit of clothes. Reaching New Orleans he decided to write for the suit, but couldn't remember in which town he had left it. So he wrote to all six hotels and from each, received a suit. None of them was his and none fitted, all being much too large. Fields got the suits and in payment suggested that he write to the hotels and perhaps he would get six that would fit Weber.

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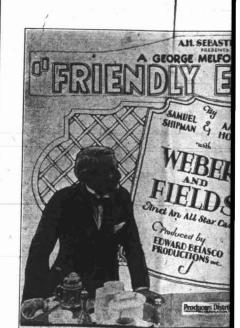






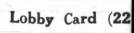








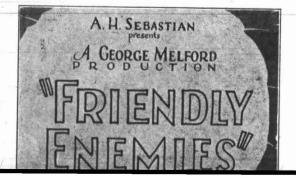




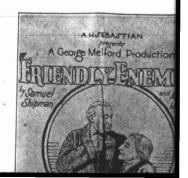




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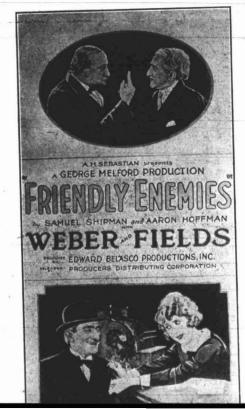
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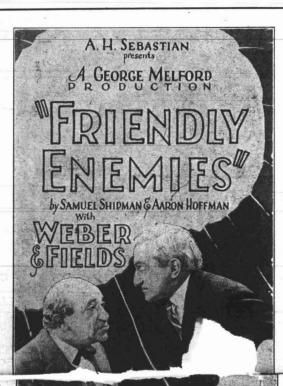


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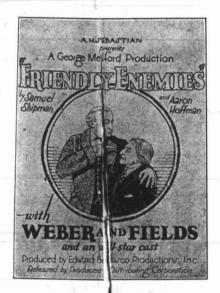


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